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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
LAURENT DUBEDOUT, ET AL. : EXAMINER: HEWITT, JAMES  
SERIAL NO: 10/580,607 :  
FILED: MAY 25, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3679  
FOR: METHOD OF PRODUCING A :  
HERMETIC TUBULAR JOINT  
COMPRISING LOCAL AND INITIAL  
ADDED THICKNESS(ES), BY MEANS OF  
PLASTIC EXPANSION

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicant's representative was contacted on December 15, 2010, by Examiner Hewitt for authorization to enter an Examiner's Amendment. The proposed Examiner's Amendment would amend Claims 4, 6, and 37 to delete the word "continuously," would delete the word "constant" from Claim 27, and would delete the word "symmetrical" from Claim 30. Additionally, Examiner Hewitt requested authorization to cancel withdrawn Claims 32-36. Applicant's representative provided authorization for this Examiner's Amendment on December 15, 2010.

Applicants respectfully submit that the comments above substantially summarize the substance of the interview with Examiner Hewitt in accordance with MPEP § 713.04.

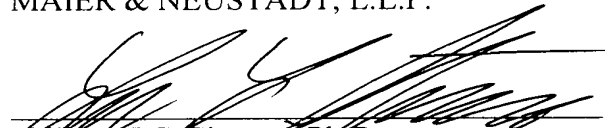
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